



Vibrations

Newsletter for members of the Owasippe Staff Assn.

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President's Perspective

The resignation of Ed Kinnerk as a member of the Board of Directors was accepted as of June 1, 1995. "Wolverine Ed" had to give up his seat on the Board due to work restrictions (nights, weekends, etc.), and time constraints caused by work on the completion of his Master's Thesis. To Ed we say thanks, good luck, and keep the faith.

Mike Sanchez has been appointed to Board to complete Ed's term. Mike has been putting in a lot of time and effort into making our work weekends a success.

I am spending the summer at OSR and I enjoy seeing a lot of old familiar OSA faces on the Reservation. I hope that you take time out of your busy schedule to come up to Owasippe for a visit.

Yours in the purpose,

Bob Ward

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Upcoming OSA Events

September 10, 1995

OSA Picnic at Theodore Stone Woods
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September 21, 22, 23, 1995

Fall Fix-it at OSR
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The Galloping Grapevine

David L. Webb married Barbara R. Ginter on April 29, 1995 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Downtown Chillicothe Ohio. Dave is on long-term disability with BSA while he recovers from double bypass surgery.

Bob Carrao is now the National Technical Manager for the Laurentis Division of Superior Coffee and Foods. His duties include writing service manuals and training service personal. The job includes travel all over the US and Europe.

Brian O'Rourke is attending graduate school at Rice University in Houston, Texas. He is completing his Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Dale Polson married Janet Constanzo five years ago. They have three children, Rob(4), Sami(3), and Rita(8 months) and live in Orland Park. Dale is looking forward to spending time in his local scout troop.

Camp Little Turtle in Pleasant Lake, Indiana was the home of 22 Owasippe Staffers for a week off National Camping School in June. OSA members in attendance were lead by Reservation Director Bill Schaeffer and included Chris Drazba, Jennifer Kempa, Pete Klaeser, Jerry Lutz, Frank Wiatrowski, Bill Tenner and Bob Ward.

Staff week brought Ron Kulak, Joe Sener, Frank Chlebek, Pat Romcoe, Pat Troy, and Kevin Oster to camp to work with the CIT training program.

Bill Schaefer Jr. is doing fine after his illness. He will continue his M. B. A. Program at Loyala in the fall.

Jo Jo Harrington lives in Denver and teaches 8th grade science. He has purchased a house with 2 guest rooms open for OSA members and their families who want to do a little skiing. Jo Jo really misses the staff camaraderie.

Gina Keifer is an 8th grade teacher at Serling Junior High in Orland where she is also a team leader. She finished her Master's in Educational Administration but is more interested in curriculum work than in management. Joe graduated in August of 93 and is working at VME North America. Cara celebrated her 4th birthday in June and is a great kid.

Jim "Fraleblazer" Frale is living the good life high in the Rockies where he bought a chunk of land. Plans are to build something comfortable and practical, just like a staff cabin - only different. Jim and his wife have been blessed by the arrival of their new daughter, Angela Anne, in March. The oldest, Amanda, goes to the field quite often with Jim where they have contests to see who is first to spot the eagle, deer, elk, big horn, etc. Those years spent at Owasippe were "fantastic"(as the phrase went) and he and his wife reminisce from time to time about those happy days. Jim watches national scouting news with interest and applauds those of you who support Owasippe with your efforts on site. "By providing the same type of opportunity for others, those of you active in the Owasippe Staff Association are truly champions."

Rich Gargas worked at Wolverine South in 77, 78 and 79. He graduated from Bradley University in 1982 and went to work for Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Company as a consultant. Rich and his wife, Carla, have recently launched a small consulting firm specializing in small to medium businesses called Mind Your Own Business, Inc. The Gargas family lives in Lebanon, IN. and includes 4 children, 2 of each with the fifth due in September. They have been returning to Owasippe in recent summers to introduce the family to Rich's old stomping grounds. They have had such a good time that their eldest, Shannon, will be working at Reneker this summer. The family enjoys helping out while they are at OSR and feel that it is great to be able to take the kids back there, even before the boys are old enough for scouting.

Stevan Resan works as a patent examiner in Crystal City, next to the Washington National Airport and just across the Potomac from Washington D. C. He has an apartment in Crystal City, while his regular home is 100 miles west near Winchester Virginia. This allows Stevan to volunteer in both Councils. He is a unit commissioner for the National Capital Area Council and a Campmaster for the Shenandoah Area Council Camp Rock Enon. Stevan and his daughter have a small jewelry manufacturing business called Sacred Symbols which specializes in religious jewelry.

Laurie "Jake" Tomaino and her husband Chris are very busy with their newborn Kevin Christopher, born June 18.

Art and Laura Paull have also been busy since the arrival of Ryan Arthur on June 23.

Ron Neibert will be retiring in April 1996 and is looking forward to spending his summers as a full time staff person. He is engaged and is busy planning the wedding.

Ron Neibert Jr. worked at Robert Crown in the late 70's. He is living in Mt. Carmel with his wife Jan, daughter Bret, and their newborn that should have arrived in May, 1995.

Grapevine News Needed

If you know news about one of our OSA or OSR friends write to us about it. Please include weddings, births, deaths, change of career, promotions, demotions or anything else that you can think of. Send to the:

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Check the number under your name on the mailing label. If it is 1994 or less, you need to update your dues. If your dues have been neglected for several years this could be your last newsletter! Please send the \$10 yearly renewal to:

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New Members Needed

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Order your OSA items now. Most items are monogrammed and can be personalized with individual names. Various colors are available and most products range in size from S to XXXL. Most of the items are listed below are available, other items might be available also.

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Reflections on Owasippe's Early Years

by Ed Black

In the fall of 1992 Jeanne Gunn Rousseau, the daughter of Walter H. "Pop" Gunn wrote an article for the "Now & Then" newsletter for retired members of the professional service of the BSA, regarding her early memories of Owasippe during the summer months she spent there while her father directed Camp Dan Beard and later the Owasippe Scout Camps. I have used the basis of her article to expand on other observations passed on to me over the years of my association with the reservation.

In the 1920's there were seven Owasippe camps at least two of the camps were for Negro Scouts only. The original camp was Dan Beard; followed by Camp West and later Camp McDonald. These three camps were located on the shores of Crystal Lake, within hiking distance of Whitehall and the historic Pitkins Drugstore. The two camps for Negro Scouts, Belnap and Chicageau, were located on Big Blue Lake. There was also a Family Camp located near Camp Dan Beard and the General Headquarters area. An additional lone troop camp was located on Big Blue Lake.

Walter H. "Pop" Gunn, was a Field Executive for the North Shore District of the Chicago Council. He later went on to two other assignments with the BSA before retiring after 34 years of service. "Pop" Gunn died in 1970.

Jeanne described the trip from Chicago to camp as a real adventure. The Scouts traveled by Great Lakes steamer, "The Carolina", from Chicago to Whitehall Harbor. The staff families traveled on the same boat, but on a different deck than the Scouts. The Scouts had their physical exams for camp on board the steamship while in route to camp. The Scouts were limited to one deck so as not to interfere with the many passengers traveling to the White Lake area resorts.

Upon arrival in Whitehall the Scouts disembarked and marched from the town to camp, sometimes with a band or drum and bugle corps leading the way. Local residents and merchants lined the street to watch the Scouts proudly pass by. Scouts would back pack all their equipment on the hike from Whitehall to camp, except the heaviest of

items. W. W. Brightwell Cartage Co., a local Whitehall business, which at the time was the only Black owned business in Whitehall, carted the heavy equipment to camp. Brightwell later was in charge of postal delivery to camp and became the official supplier of fresh meat.

Upon arrival at camp the Scouts found a circle of pyramidal tents, parade ground, flagpole and the mess hall. Camp Beard was the largest of the camps, thereby having the largest mess hall. The Beard mess hall was the first mess hall built in a Boy Scout camp. It became the model for hundreds of dining halls across America.

Sharply downhill to the east of the Beard mess hall, was a log cabin that served as the infirmary. To the south at the lake shore was the famous Beard swimming pier. Many of its pilings still exist today. Family Camp was to the east of Beard. Family Camp had no swimming pier. The staff families used the Camp McDonald pier. Camp West had a third pier on the lake. The balance of the shoreline was heavily wooded with no other structures.

The closeness of the three camps to each other made for spirited rivalries . . . some planned . . . and some not.

The favorite "off time" place to be was Pitkins Drugstore. The store had a well stocked soda fountain, gift shop and souvenir counter. A favorite of the Owasippe crowd as well as the resort trade.

Camp Dan Beard was named for Daniel Carter Beard, one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America, who served as the Chief Scout, an honorary position with the BSA, similar to that held by Baden-Powell with the English Scout Association at that time. Camp West was named for James E. West, the first Chief Scout Executive of the BSA, also one of the original founders. The camp was named in his honor upon his visit to the camp for its dedication. Camp McDonald was named for L. L. McDonald, an early Chicago Scout Executive who served as the Director of the Owasippe Camps in 1914 and 1915. McDonald later went on to become the National Director of Camping for the BSA. The camp was later named in honor of Robert Stuart, founder of the Quaker Oats Company and President of the Chicago Council for many

years. Neither Jeanne Gunn or I know the origin of the Belnap or Chicageau names.

In 1921 Carol A. Edson, who was a co-founder of the Order of the Arrow, became the District Executive of the South Shore District. He was the first to organize Camp West as a camp for Scouts from his district. During the summer of 1921 Carol Edson founded the Owasippe Lodge, Order of the Arrow. As all the early OA Lodges were, it was founded for honoring outstanding scout campers in a particular camp. In this case Camp West. Later Mr. Edson inducted leaders of each of the other Owasippe Camps into the Order so that they could organize lodges in their camps.

Edson left Chicago in 1927 to become Scout Executive in Jersey City, N. J. 1927 brought E. Urner Goodman to Owasippe. The co-founder of the Order of the Arrow became Scout Executive of the Chicago Council in March 1927. Mr. Goodman believed the heart of scouting was in its outdoor program . . . at summer camp . . . so for the summer of 1927 he moved his office to Owasippe. In essence he took control of the daily operation of the camps and passed on his great knowledge of the programs to the staff.

During the 1927 season the council obtained a lodge building on Big Blue Lake. A large log building with fireplace, kitchen, dining area and several sleeping rooms and loft. This became the new Staff Family Camp area. Jeanne Gunn remembers that Louise Goodman, E. Urner's wife, organized the morning swims for the families living in the lodge. Mrs. Goodman was a long distance swimmer. After the morning family swim Mrs. Goodman would swim off to the distant shore of Big Blue, about a mile away. She would rest there and then swim back to the lodge.

Upon hearing of his wife's morning swim E. Urner ordered a staff man to escort her and any other long distance swimmers in a row boat for emergency purposes. Could this have been the pioneering of the mile swim program as we know it today? The lodge was used by the council as a part of the Blackhawk Camp in later years until its sale to the Muskegon County Parks for use as a county recreational area.

Many Scouters assumed the direction of the Owasippe Camps, or Scour Reservation from

these early pioneers. Some of these of note are: A. A. Kirk who became National Director of Catholic Relationships; Alfred C. Nichols Jr. who directed Owasippe longer than anyone else, went on to New York City to become Director of Camping and invent the "Lunch-O-Ree" method of fund raising; George A. Mozealous became the long time Scout Executive of Denver, Colo.; Joe Anglim became the Assistant Chief Scout Executive; Joe Davis who became Director of Philmont. These are a few of the thirty six men who have served as Owasippes Director over the years.

There are of course thousands of young men and women who have served in various staff positions: Maj. Simmons of the Salvation Army was the first director; Captains Ted Mayhew and Fleming of Morgan Park Academy who served as quartermasters for the camps for many years; Stan Kopeck, the first caretaker; Milton Gray, Bob McCullough, Ernie Schmitt, Jack Perez, Jerry Blake, Andy Springs, Bill Schumacher, Arnie Schenk, Bob Pegel, Jim Connell, Ed Cain, Bob Thompson, Maurice Williams, Vic Mosley, Jack Temple, Dave Mikkelson, Schiller Colberg, Lamar Leahy, Steve Horvath, Larry McBride, Don Matheny, Tom Hillyard, Will Teall, Marge Teall, Ferris Hale, and many, many more who have their first job at Owasippe, gone on to accomplish many things with their lives . . . but never to forget their summers in the Michigan wilderness at America's Premier Scout Camp.

This article submitted by Edward P. Black, Owasippe Reservation Director 1972-78 (the second longest reign), Honorary Life Member of the OSA.

New Members

The OSA would like to welcome the following new members:

Patrick Newell: Pat was a CIT in 91 and has been on the Wolverine Aquatics Staff ever since. He currently attends college .

Stevan Resan: Stevan worked the Lower Lakes, at West in 58, Beard in 59, 60, and 61, and Stuart in 63. He is employed by the US Dept of Commerce as a Patent Examiner. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Whitacre Virginia. They have two children, Michael(28) and Annette(27).

Entertainment Books

The time has come once again for you to get your 1996 Entertainment books. The price of the book is still only \$35. This is an excellent opportunity for you to save money when you go out for an evening on the town and help out the OSA as well. The books should be here by the fall fix-it. Contact Mike Campbell at the picnic or fix-it or call him at (312) 283-7723 to place your order. Talk to your family, friends, and anyone else that might be interested.

Summers at Owasippe

by Jeanne Gunn Rousseau

Growing up as a part of a professional Scouter's family is a unique experience.

Jack Keith's wife made that point for me when her husband was the Scout executive for the Sam Houston Council in Texas, where Dad served as field executive from 1945 to 1953. Maggie Keith was the outgoing, nurturing, energetic sort, who made all of the Scouting families part of her own.

I knew what she said was true. Busy with a teaching job, I had long been aware of our luck in having spent seven summers of our childhood in the Michigan woods at a camp created for the families of the directors of the Scout camps of Chicago, the Owasippe camps.

I believe there were seven camps in the Owasippe string by 1927; at least two of them were for Negro Scouts. The three we knew best were on the shores of Crystal Lake, within hiking distance of Pitkin's Drug Store in Whitehall, off limits to Scouts but not to the junior staff.

My husband and I drove through Whitehall on a freezing October day in 1989. The drug store was still there, minus its soda fountain, chocolate-marshmallow-nut sundaes, and the glass-topped tables displaying real iridescent blue butterflies. But it probably was still a Mecca for summer staffers, full of souvenirs and employees eager to explain how to reach Owasippe from Whitehall.

We drove there on well-paved roads, past scattered residential developments, and found the trim new camp buildings and cabins there in the woods near Crystal Lake, still downhill from the campsites. Whether the rambling old red mess hall, with its screened-in porches

was still there, I don't know; we didn't take the time to find it.

Walter H. Gunn, my father, was the director of Camp Dan Beard on Crystal Lake near Whitehall, Michigan, from 1921 to 1927. If anyone preceded him at the post, I, between the ages of three and nine, never thought to ask. His position as field executive for the North Shore of Chicago suited him perfectly. Dad's Scottish flair for the action and romantic adventures spiced many a camping program. His good sense kept those programs on an even keel.

Walter was the only child of a YMCA secretary who managed hotels in Centralia and Danville, Illinois, that were homes away from home for railroading men. A graduate of Wheaton College, Dad attended YMCA College in Chicago, majoring in pre-med and physical education. Medical plans were put aside in 1915 when he married Juliet Fischer of Wheaton and took a job as athletic director at the Aurora High School. His experience as a Scout leader while at Y College followed him, and in 1917, the Gunn family moved to Dubuque, Iowa, where Dad's years as a professional Scouter began.

Family snapshots and stories of Camp Wyalusing and picnics on the bluffs high above the Mississippi provided my only bridge to the Dubuque years. My sister, Elizabeth, was four years old and I was two when we moved to Wheaton. There Dad commuted by electric train to Chicago and his North Shore headquarters. Sometimes he would fall asleep and arrive at the car barns after the night meetings that were so necessary for the professional Scouters.

Summers at Owasippe followed. When other children longed for school to be out, our insistent question was "When do we leave for camp?" Part of the excitement was the day-long trip across Lake Michigan on the Carolina, one of a fleet of Great Lake steamers. The camp-bound Scouts were confined to one deck of the ship, a section off limits to Elizabeth and me, since the Scouts received their physicals during the cruise. But on the top deck, the state room corridors below, and a fascinating snack bar where gum and candy were sold, were well-known to us. When the shoreline enclosing White Lake Bay came into view, we were allowed forward in the prow to watch Whitehall Harbor emerge, strangely

new add yet familiar. The Scouts march ashore before us to hike the four miles to camp, but we soon passed them on the narrow, windy roads in Dad's open T-model Ford.

A circle of pyramidal tents and the mess hall surrounded Camp Dan Beard's parade ground and flagpole, where assembly and reveille and taps were blown on real bugles that could be heard from Family Camp to the east along the lake.

Sharply downhill to the east of the mess hall was a log cabin that served as the infirmary, and to the south near the lake stretched the Dan Beard pier. The lake was not large: its whole extent was visible from the shore. Family Camp had no pier. We swam during our scheduled time before supper at Camp McDonald's waterfront, east of us. Camp West, west of Dan Beard, added a third waterfront pier. The south shore of the lake was solid forest with a rim of sandy beach.

I knew, of course, who Dan Beard was. I had seen a picture of him, with his hard-brim hat and neat, white beard. Who Camp West was named for didn't trouble me. It was west. I still don't know who Camp McDonald was named for, but he was established in my mind as being the legendary farmer who had a pig, etc. The directors at Camp McDonald changed during the years we were there. But Camp James E. West was the realm of Col. Carroll Edson, Uncle Carroll to us.

As privileged members of a Scouting family, we had an extended family long before psychologists adopted the term. Aunt Hazel Edson, Aunt Ted Mayhew, Aunt Flo Fleming, the Stevensons, the St. Johns and their children were all present and accounted for summer after summer. Captain Mayhew and Captain Fleming, administrators at Morgan Park Military Academy in the winter, served as quartermasters for the whole complex of Owasippe camps. Their living space at general headquarters was not on the lake, but somewhere between Dan Beard and West. The big natural amphitheater where Scouts and families from all four camps hiked to church on Sundays was off in that northwestward direction. My sister, our archivist, keeps big yellowed photographs of the scout circuses that were staged there.

During our first summer there, Family Camp had neither mess hall nor cook, only a collection of small wooden-floored wall tents. We hiked to the big red hall at Dan Beard for all our meals. The sandy road passed the Nedermeier farmhouse. Somewhere beyond that was the farm of Sandy Kopeck, who I think was the caretaker for the Crystal Lake camps then. Later, when Family Camp had a hall of its own, affectionately called "the wreck," a bull belonging to Mr. Kopeck stormed downhill into our camp. We kids fled into "the wreck" and watched the bull stamp and snort and kick sand. Amazed and embarrassed, we saw one of the Kopeck daughters, smaller than we, approach the bull with a switch and order him out of camp.

The three Scout camps had a running battle of playing tricks on each other. The one I remember, rationalized as a safety drill, was the big fire at Camp Dan Beard. During every camp session, I am sure, Scouts were trained in emergency procedures. The Dan Beard staff decided to emphasize this one night by blowing fire call after lighting up the big red hall with flares and rockets. Scouts from McDonald and West piled out to contain the disaster with buckets and axes and whatever. Doctors at Dan Beard cared for the "wounded" and the "exhausted." Great glee was registered by the staff and Scouts at Dan Beard. I just wish I could remember how West and McDonald got even.

I remember many faces and some names: Ted Shearer, assistant director at Dan Beard; Milton Gray and Bob McCullough, junior staff there; and a waterfront counselor named Chet, who taught us to swim and to get up the nerve to dive off the McDonald pier. I can't forget Captain Carnahan. He was with us on a Gunn family side trip near Traverse City, Michigan, to check out a famous peat bog where wild orchids grew. A hike in pursuit of the rare flowers took us across a stream that had stepping stones. I, the awkward one of the group, was concentrating on not falling into the stream when Captain Carnahan called out, "Freeze, Jeannel!" I did. He shot the rattlesnake that was waiting for me on the other bank.

Learning to love and wanting to know more about trees and flowers and animals were the natural results of those summers. On staff one year for the Crystal Lake camps was a pair of

professional naturalists. The wife, in those non integrated days, stayed at Family Camp. Perhaps, because of this, the two of them took all of us kids on nature hikes that summer, initiating insect and butterfly collections, giving us confident ways of telling venomous from harmless snakes, and sparking a lasting interest in identifying trees and shrubs. If I could remember the names of that couple, I might come across books they have written. Years later at Camps Hudson and Strake in the Sam Houston Council near Houston, my mother revived this interest by hiking the forests with Dad and Robert A. Vines, who was gathering data for his comprehensive work, *Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines of the Southwest*.

Getting to know talented specialists in a family-to-family way was a priceless bonus for Scouting families. Safety expert Fred Mills, who is credited with developing water rescue methods for Scouting and the Red Cross, was a good friend. Dad worked with him on using cotton pants as an emergency floatation device. Leading Scouters who were welcome visitors in our Beaumont home included Stanley Harris, James Fitch, the Gaskin brothers, and Minor Huffman of Houston. Dad treasured his involvement in the Order of the Arrow, established in the Owasippe camps by Uncle Carroll Edson, who called Dad out for the Vigil in 1926. Dad subsequently brought OA to the Beaumont Council, from whence it spread to the Houston area. A high point of the last summer of Dad's life was the presence of E. Urner Goodman, a friend and the original founder of the Order of the Arrow, at the Area IX-B Conference held at Sam Houston State University in August 1970.

Mention of Dr. Goodman takes me back again to Owasippe and our last summer there. That year, the Gunn and Edson families abandoned Crystal Lake tents for a lodge on Big Blue, a lake where at least two of the other Chicago Scout camps were located, though Uncle Carroll and Dad remained at West and Dan Beard. The lodge had been leased for a family resort from the 248 Club of Chicago, Elizabeth remembers. No Scout camps, nor indeed any of the resorts of Big Blue shores, could be seen from the lodge. During the pervious school year, mother had taken Elizabeth and me to see a Wheaton High School play, *Seven Keys to Baldplate*. When we walked into that lodge, it was as if we had entered the stage set of the

play. A huge room with sofas and armchairs and a welcoming fireplace was surrounded by balconies on three sides, with private quarters opening to views of the lake. The army cots of our Crystal Lake tent were replaced by double-deck bunk-type cots, a new adventure.

Dr. Goodman had become Scout executive in Chicago that year, and his wife and three small children stayed at the family lodge. Mrs. Goodman, I recall, was a distance swimmer. At the lodge there was no pier or lifeguard. We swam when our mothers arranged to be with us, even for our early morning dips sometimes, but usually after "Quiet Hour." We were greatly impressed when more than once, after working up to the challenge, Mrs. Goodman swam to the far shore attended by men in a rowboat, then, after a rest, back to the home beach.

The other families at Big Blue were new to us, but my mother and Aunt Hazel Edson kept all the children's interest alive by directing and costuming plays and stunts, just as they always had at Crystal Lake. The Edson children - Stuart, Lucille, and baby Virginia - were the ones we knew best. I last saw Stuart, uniformed and newly married, in 1942 in Beaumont, Texas, when he was on his way to the South Pacific. He was not one of those who returned. His wife and son became a part of the Edson family.

When the Gunns moved to Beaumont from Illinois in 1927, the Edsons moved to a Scouting position in Upstate New York. Throughout the rest of Dad's career - eighteen years with the Trinity Neches Council, eight more in Houston - and into retirement, the Edson and Gunn families kept in touch.

Walter Hazelet Gunn never really retired from Scouting. He was still serving on committees, consulting on campsites, and sponsoring National Rifle Association training groups until his death in 1970. His legacy to his three daughters (Sally was born during the Beaumont years) was a clear understanding of, and enthusiastic optimism for, the ideals of Scouting.

Editors note: The author was assisted by her sister Elizabeth Gunn Schober.

OSA Editors note: This article was sent in by James L. Chandler.

The Board of Directors of the Owasippe Staff Association would like to hear from you so that we can plan future OSA activities. Please take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to answer the following questions. When you are finished, fold it, tape it closed and mail this letter so that we can use your opinions to plan those future activities.

1. Name (optional): _____

2. What events have you attended in the past 2 years? Please list activity and year.

3. Do you think that we should offer more social activities? If your answer is yes, then what types of activities would you like to see?

4. Would you be willing to take charge of any of these activities? Would you be willing to assist someone else in running any of these activities?

5. What other ideas could you suggest in order to make the OSA a better or more enjoyable organization?

The Owasippe Staff Association
PO Box 1071 Westchester, IL 60185

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